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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 3180

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG, UN, ET, SO  
SUBJECT: SC ACTION ON THE HORN

REF: STATE 063447

1. AFTER TALKING WITH AKADIRI THIS MORNING ON RHODESIA (SEPTTEL),  
I RAISED THE QUESTION OF SOMALI WITHDRAWAL FROM ETHIOPIA AND  
THE CURRENT STATUS OF OAU MEDIATION EFFORT. HE SAID THE  
ETHIOPIANS AND SOMALIS WERE STILL EXPECTED IN LAGOS MARCH 16.:  
I ALLUDED TO THE PROBLEM OF A CEASEFIRE AND AN ASSURANCE  
AGAINST REPRISALS IN THE AREA. I SUGGESTED THE TIME MIGHT  
BE RIPE FOR SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION IN SUPPORT OF WHAT THE  
OAU HAD BEEN ENDEAVORING TO DO.

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2. AKADIRI SAID HE FELT THAT CONCERN OVER REPRISALS IN THE  
OGADEN WAS OVERDRAWN. HE CITED THE EXAMPLE OF FMG MAGNANINITY  
TOWARD BIAFRANS IN THE DAYS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SURRENDER  
OF THE BIAFRAN ARMED FORCES. I SUGGESTED THAT GOWON AND MENGISTA  
WERE TWO VERY DIFFERENT PEOPLE AND THAT THE ANALOGY HE HAD  
SUGGESTED WAS HARDLY RELEVANT. AKADIRI AGREED BUT SAID THE FMG  
NONETHELESS CONTINUED TO PREFER AN AFRICAN SOLUTION WITHIN THE

OAU CONTACT. IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT NIGERIA HAD REJECTED AN OFFER FROM TITO TO PUT TOGETHER A NON-ALIGNED MEDIATION EFFORT. AKADIRI PLEADED THAT, AT THE VERY LEAST, ANY SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION BE WITHHELD PENDING RESULTS OF THE MARCH 16 CONFERENCE. FOR THE TIME BEING HE THOUGHT ANY UN ROLE SHOULD BE LIMITED TO PROVISION OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.

3. AS FOR A CEASEFIRE, AKADIRI SAID THE SOMALIS WOULD HAVE TO WITHDRAW FIRST. I SAID IT LOOKED VERY MUCH AS IF THE SOMALI ARMY WAS FAST ON ITS WAY OUT BUT WHAT WOULD BE THE FATE OF ETHNIC SOMALIS RESIDENT IN THE OGADEN B (WE NOTE THAT FIRST ELEMENT CITED IN REFTTEL FOR INCLUSION IN POSSIBLE SC RESOLUTION PUTS CEASEFIRE AND WITHDRAWAL ON EQUAL PLANE. PRESUMABLY FMG WOULD OBJECT TO DIRECT LINKAGE IN THIS FASHION, ARGUING THAT FULL AND VERIFIED SOMALI WITHDRAWAL IS CONDITION PRECEDENT TO CEASEFIRE.  
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